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1. In January 1953 the North China Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party, following a directive of the Central Social Affairs Department, opened a training class in Peiping for postal employees to study the techniques of mail censorship under Soviet guidance. Each training course was to run three months.
2. The class was established to help correct deficiencies in the censorship system resulting from the general acute shortage of full-time censorship personnel and the total lack of such personnel on the hsien and shih (1579) office levels; it was a substitute measure for increased postal manpower.
3. In early February employees of the North China postal offices were already attending the class, and the Peiping Municipal Communist Party Committee was under orders to recommend 30 employees from the Peiping Post Office and its branches.
4. On successful completion of their course, trainees were to assist in the direction of censorship activities in the postal offices where they were employed. The procedure for mail censorship was to be as follows:
 - a. Mail was to be censored at both the sending and receiving office, first by training class graduates while it was being sorted according to area; then by full-time censorship personnel.
 - b. A further censorship was to be made by postmen in the process of delivering mail to the addressee.

Comment. For a general report on mail censorship procedures in China, as of June 1952, see

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